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SUBJ: SHABA INVASION - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: A. MTAT II REPORT UNDATED; B. CZAMISH 031030Z MAR 77;
C. KINSHASA 4087; D. STATE 115663

1. GEN BABIA HAS REQUESTED USE OF FY 77 FMS CRDIT FOR PURCHASE ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS OF THIRTY OF THE 87 M151A1 JEEPS CONTAINED IN THE ROCKWELL UPGRADE PACKAGE. (ANNEX D TO APPENDIX B, PAGE 101). THESE VEHICLES ARE TO EQUIP THE BRIGADE NOW IN TRAINING AND OUTFITTING AT KITONA AND SCHEDULED TO BE DEPLOYED TO SHABA (KAMINA) AFTER CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

2. PER REF B BABIA REQUESTS PURCHASE ON GOVT TO GOVT BASIS. HE FURTHER REQUESTS 2 YEARS CSP AND CIF MATADI. IT IS WORTHY TO NOTE THAT CZAMISH AGAIN HIGHLIGHTED TO BABIA HIS OPTIONS AS TO CHOICE OF METHOD OF PURCHASE. BABIA STRONGLY DESIRES GOVT TO GOVT TRANSACTION CITING GREATER RELIABILITY OF AFTER SALES SERVICES.

3. COMMENT: IF DECISION IS TO GO AHEAD WITH UPGRADE PACKAGE PER REFTTEL D THIS BRIGADE WILL RECEIVE UPGRADE PACKAGE ITEMS. THERE CURRENTLY EXISTS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF GROUND TRANSPORT TO FURNISH THE BRIGADE AND ACCORDINGLY THE JEEPS WOULD SERVE AS
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AN ADEQUATE INTERIM MEASURE. ADDITIONALLY THE PROVISION OF THE JEEPS WITH THEIR RELATED SPARE PARTS IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR TRADITIONAL ROLE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TRANSPORT FIELD. ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.
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